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IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 45/48 CONCERNING THE SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I OF THE TREATY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (TREATY OF TLATELOLCO)

GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION

Letter dated 10 July 1991 from the Chargés d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Missions of Argentina and Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Acting upon instructions from our Governments, we have the honour to transmit the text of resolution 271 (XII) on the Foz de Iguazú Declaration concerning the joint nuclear policy of Argentina and Brazil adopted on 9 May 1991 in Mexico City by the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) at its twelfth regular session (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 32, 50, 60 and 62 of the preliminary list.

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Annex

Resolution 271 (XII) adopted by the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean at its twelfth regular session entitled "Foz de Iguazu Declaration on the joint nuclear policy of Argentina and Brazil"

The General Conference,

REAFFIRMING that the prohibition of nuclear weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean is a priority objective for all countries in the region,

EMPHASIZING that it is important, for the achievement of this objective, that all countries in Latin America and the Caribbean should become parties to the Treaty of Tlatelolco,

UNDERSCORING that it is incumbent upon the countries possessing nuclear weapons to permit the consolidation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a nuclear-weapon-free zone by becoming Parties to Protocol II to the Treaty, and that it is important that all States having responsibility for territories within the zone defined by the Treaty should become full Parties to Protocol I to the Treaty,

BEARING IN MIND that the Presidents of Argentina and Brazil signed the Foz de Iguazú Declaration on joint nuclear policy on 28 November 1990, thereby undertaking to "Take, once the Agreement on safeguards is concluded with the International Atomic Energy Agency, appropriate initiatives so that the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco) may enter fully into force with respect to the two countries, including negotiations to update and improve the text thereof",

CONSCIOUS of the importance of that Declaration for the prohibition of nuclear weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean,

DESIRING that the process embarked upon by Argentina and Brazil should facilitate the full entry into force of the Treaty of Tlatelolco,

RESOLVES TO:

1. WELCOME with satisfaction the presidential Foz de Iguazú Declaration on the joint Argentine-Brazilian nuclear policy of 28 November 1990;

2. HIGHLIGHT the importance of the measures being adopted by Argentina and Brazil to put into practice what is envisaged in the Declaration, in accordance with the objectives and purposes of the Treaty of Tlatelolco;

3. EXPRESS the hope that negotiations between Argentina and Brazil with the International Atomic Energy Agency for the elaboration of an agreement on safeguards may promptly result in an agreement that is satisfactory to the parties involved;

4. OFFER its collaboration for the success of the negotiations envisaged in the Declaration so that the Treaty of Tlatelolco may enter fully into force for both countries;

5. INVITE Argentina and Brazil to keep it informed of the progress made in the implementation of that Declaration.

Adopted at the 69th meeting, on 9 May 1991.